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In re Application of KIM et al :
U.S. Application No.: 10/505,328 :
PCT Application No.: PCT/KR02/02033 :
Int. Filing Date: 31 October 2002 : DECISION
Priority Date Claimed: 22 February 2002 :
Attorney Docket No.: 02730.0020.PCUS00 :
(300602004700) :
For: CONSTRUCTION OF NOVEL STRAINS... :

This is in response to applicant's "Petition to Withdraw Abandonment Pursuant to MPEP § 711.03(c)IA Failure to Receive Office Action" filed 22 January 2008, which is being treated under 37 CFR 1.181. No petition fee is due.

BACKGROUND

On 31 October 2002, applicant filed international application PCT/KR02/02033, which claimed priority of an earlier Korea application filed 22 February 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 28 August 2003. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 23 August 2004 (22 August 2004 was a Sunday).

On 23 August 2004, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 21 June 2005, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that a copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form is required.

On 16 November 2005, the agent of record filed a request to withdraw as attorney and a change of correspondence address.

On 25 November 2005, applicant filed a copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form.

On 21 February 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916), which identified errors in the copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form filed 25 November 2005.

On 27 March 2006, applicant filed a substitute copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form.

On 26 April 2007, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures (Form PCT/DO/EO/922), which identified errors in the copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form filed 27 March 2006.

On 14 November 2007, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909), which indicated that the application is abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Notification to Comply mailed 26 April 2007.

On 22 January 2008, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

DISCUSSION

The Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916) mailed 21 February 2006 set a one month, non-extendable time limit for reply. Although the response to the Notification of Defective Response was timely filed (see certificate of mailing on 21 March 2006), the response contained errors¹ in the sequence listing, and thus did not constitute a proper reply to the Notification of Defective Response. Because a proper reply to the Notification of Defective Response was not furnished within the time limit set by the Notification of Defective Response, the present application became abandoned. Because the application was already abandoned, the Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures (Form PCT/DO/EO/922) was sent in error.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is DISMISSED without prejudice.

The Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures (Form PCT/DO/EO/922) mailed 26 April 2007 is hereby VACATED.

¹ A copy of the sequence listing error report is attached to this decision.

The Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) mailed 14 November 2007 is hereby VACATED.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision, including preparation and mailing of a corrected Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) which should indicate that the application is abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916) mailed 21 February 2006.

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ATTACHMENT: copy of Sequence Listing Error Report

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Use of n's or Xaa's (NEW RULES):

Use of n's and/or Xaa's have been detected in the Sequence Listing.

Use of <220> to <223> is MANDATORY if n's or Xaa's are present.

in <220> to <223> section, please explain location of n or Xaa, and which residue n or Xaa represents.

ERROR explanation: 2

Seq#:11; N Pos. 21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30

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VERIFICATION SUMMARY

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L:11 M:271 C: Current Filing Date differs, Replaced Current Filing Date

L:387 M:258 W: Mandatory Feature missing, <221> Tag not found for SEQ ID#:11

L:387 M:258 W: Mandatory Feature missing, <222> Tag not found for SEQ ID#:11

L:387 M:341 W: (46) "n" or "Xaa" used, for SEQ ID#:11 after pos.:0